One Industry and Another Werks Marvels of Advancement.

COTTON, COAL, LUMBER AND RICE

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(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BALLIMORE, December 5.—Summarising the results of observations made in a maple trip from Maryland to Texas, Mr. Rithard H. Edmonds writes in this week's

Manufacturers' Record as follows:
"The stery of rice and of the devel ipment which has followed rice-growing if Louisians and Texas illustrates very strengly the growth and advancement seem throughout the South. Rice is revolu-tionizing South-west Louisians, and makregion, outh-west beinsaid. In the region, ell is creating new conditions in Texas, from and coal are fally being hundled on such a basis as to give to halberna in the near future its rightful perities in the from and steel development. world, copper-mining in North Car-nd Tennessee is epening up a vast of wealth, and re, in every port source of wealth, and re, in every pert of the South prepress is the order of the day. In one place it is cotten maxufacture, in another ceal-raising, in auother lumbering, in another ruraiture-making, remewhere else truck or fruit-growing. but everywhere there is a fivancement

He recalls the persistent efforts made aftern years ago by an lown farmer, S. Cary, to Ceveley rice-growing in Louis

"Crewity in now a count in the papers, with eight rice mills hundling papers, with eight rice mills hundling last year a business of about \$0,000,000, and \$5,000 western people are pottled in that district. Rice-growing, atthough but that district. that district. Rice-growing, although but in its infancy, has enhanced the value of the land from B cents an acre officer years age to fill to he an acre at present. What has been done in South-west Louisians is new being done in Terms, where new districts equally as premising for sice-growing are being opened up. Around Beaument and in other parts of that ter-yitery there is a great influx of Western settlers, who find in rice-growing a yield of serry fitty, stry and cometimes eighty dellars an acre against anywhere from of secondity, sary and contiumes eighty delians an acre against anywhere from ten to twelve deliars an acre on the wheat of the West."

Referring to to the oil development around Beaumont, Mr. Edmonds may:

"The work which has been accomplished to the actual development of that dis-

"The work which has been accompaisnes in the actual development of that district in the building of page lines and tanks and the creation of a market for the ell has probably never been suppassed in this country, or in any other, in the bread and comprehensive opening up of any new district in oil or in any mineral development. Tet up to the present time this has been but the predminary singe in the real gregress of making a worldwide market and creating facilities op mersurate with the output of the oil we'lls of Texas, even to be followed, judg-ing by all repertishes have been made, by all wells of Louisians and Alabama. This stretch of territery along the Gulf prom-ises to be not only the greatest source of oll supply for the world, but likewise the centre for natural gas rivalling, if not surpassing the natural, gas fields of In-dians, and for rait works and other in-dians, and for rait works and other in-dians. For a long time that section of the South looked with jealous eye upon the development of the coal and iron dis-riers and the prove along the Gulf coast meantain region of the Sauth had been more favored by nature. But it is now an open question if the Gulf coast of the South has not potentialities equally an great as the richest of its coal and

advantages which will make it pessible for iron to be made in the State at a ewer cest than in any other place known of in the world, but the iren people of the South have not kept up with the progress of the iren industry in the North. Pifteen years ago the furnace Business and the furnace practice of the South were on a par with that of the North, but for various causes, needless to explain in detail, the South has made but little improvement, either in the con struction of it furnaces or in furnace practice, during the last fifteen years, while the North and N t have revelu-tionized their iren-making conditions. Henized their iren-making conditions. In cetten manufacturing it is generally recognized that southern mills are today the best in the world. They have the latest and best conjument, and in that respect are in advance of the best mills in New England, taken as a whole. But while the textile wills have been But while the textile mills have been thus leading the procession, the from-making interests of the South have been lagging. On this account southern from and steel making has not advanced as it ahould have done, but the conditions are all there on which to found an industry esual to all that has been elsimed equal to all that has seen claimed lar-this section. Within the last twelve-menths a very marked change has taken place. The various iron companies in Alnhama have been spending a large amount of mency improving their fur-naces, adding to their blowing capacity. reducing the cest of their mining one rations, and in all ways getting them selves in shope to do a better business and to make iron at a lower cost. But

STIFF'S WOUND VERY DANGEROUS

(Continued from First Page.)

thought best for him to leave. He was Marx, Esq., of New York, who before

death was a large stockholder of the feeth was a large stockholder of that elty. Young Hellin, who was weunded in the abdomen, has since died of his wounds in a hespital in Washington, to which he was conveyed.

Young Stiff, who was shot in the neck, it is thought, cannot recever, being com-pletely paralysed.

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BOYS: Don't fail to see the Hunt and Snow Scene.

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Main and Eleventh Streets.

whe was the cause of the shooting, has the party had taken their places about made a statement to Dr. Washington, the house Hefin approached and statted the trouble by smashing two panes of Wegtmereland, exenerating Marx from the trouble by smashing two panes of glass from a side window. Marx, who is

all accusations.

The young lady is said to be suffering intensely since the tragedy.

George Thompson, of Oak Greve, who was of the party and supposed to be wounded, is at his home unburt, as also is Douglass, the remaining member.

MARX A LAW GRADUATE.

file Brothers Belleve in 1.1s innocence of Any

to-day that he did not believe his brother has insulted Miss Taylor, and that the family would see him through any trou-

place some eighteen years age and the femily lived on it from time to time. The Taylers have been our neighbors, and we have always esteemed them

STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

Yarx Surprised, and Defended His House and His Life.

The fellowing frem the Washington Fire gives interesting details of the dreadful affeir:

Oak Grave is a small village only a short distance from Wakefield, the birth-place of Washington, and Marx lived about two and a half miles from Oak Greve. He was in the village Sunday night and attended church with Miss Tauler. The next day the young woman teld a cousin of the alleged improper conduct on the part of her escort and the girl cousin teld her brother, William

TO AVENGE ALLEGED WRONG.
The latter concluded that he would avenge the alleged insult, and the four members of the party mentioned agreed to inflict punishment on Marx at 5 s'clock Tuesday night. They met in the willage and discussed the affair, and point from which he had fired the shot. There beneath a pear tree was the dead to the farm where Marx was alone in the house, his mether having sone to New York. Marx is aimsteen years eld, and until Mendey nathing had ever been and caused instant death.

Dr. W. W. Washington did what he way and a save the man are to the wounder. said about him that would in any way reflect upon his character. The young men is the villers who hard of the allegation mass against him said they would net have believed it had it not come from

was there. The house was surrounded in order that its accusant might not es-eape. Armed with revolvers and a Win-chester rife, the five men, members of the self-constituted committee, awaited the developments, which proved to be 50

dissatreus.

Taylor, who was an eyster packer at Tayler, who was an eyster parter of Colonel Beach, was twenty-ene years eld, and Heflin was a clerk in the village store at Oak Greve. This store is kent by P. W. Stiff, father of the young man by P. W. Stiff, father of the Deurgham who is now in the hewital. Douglass is an external, and George Thompson, who was the only married man in the

a lawyer, was seated at his desk writing. The manner in which the caller had an-nounced his arrival startled the only oc-

nounced his arrival started the only occupant of the house, and picking up his
revolver, he called: "Who is there?"
The only response was the breaking of
the second pane of glass, and Mark, who
could reach but one conclusion, discharged his weapon. Hefin uttered a cry and fell to the ground, the bullet having passed through the abdomen. Stiff heard the report of the shot, and knowing exact-WIGHT-BRIEG.

(By Asserized Press.)

NEW TORK, Dec. 5.—Ernest Marx, brother of Herbert Marx, who killed two men and wounded one other in Westmereland county. Va., on Wednesday night, has started for Virginia with Abel night, has started for Virginia with Abel Might be before he could use his weapon. By this time B. Marx, another brather, said the chance for his life, discovering that the chance for his life, discovering that ly what had occurred, he hurried to the tle chance for his life, discovering that other armed men were about. He had other armed men were about. He had fired the shots, he declared, in defense of his home and his life, and while his

the South has not petentialities equally family would see him through any trough agreat as the richest of its coal and firm districts.

ALABAMA SOON.

On his trip Mr. Edmonds met one of the United firm men of the Marx. "When we read the Story of the Marx. "When we coming next he could not imagine, nor could he explain why the men

THIRD MAN SHOT.

Taylor was in the orchard near a pear tree armed with his Winchester, and when Marx saw him he fell to the ground confidently expecting an attack. Marx waited until Taylor made a move and then he raised his revolver and fired. When the third victim had fallen Marx again started in the direction of the house of Mr. Griffith. He had but three bullets in his revolver, but Thompson and Douglass, it is stated, had disappeared when they heard the shooting. Marx aroused several neighbors and returned to the house and did what he could to save the lives of the two men Stiff and Heffin. Physicians were sum moned and the wounded men were cared for until an early hour yesterday morn ing, when they were put aboard the steamer Wakefield and brought here. Marx told of his experience in the erchard, and went with a lantern to the

could to ease the pain of the wounded men, and Mr. Marx remained with them. He accompanied them to Wirtz Wharf and sent Mr. W. L. Guthridge here to see that they were given the best treatsome setion of a violent form.

Arriving at the Marx house a dim light in one room was the evidence that Marx was there. The house was surrounded in order that its accument might as dev morning after the wounded men left Wirtz Wharf on the Wakefield, Marx surrendered to the sheriff and an inquest was held over the body of Tay

lor, with the result stated.

MARX DENIES THE CHARGE. Mr. Marx denies that he made any insulting remarks to the girl said to have made the charge against him, and members of the girl's family knew nothing of any mich acceptation having him made. When the wounded men reached here the local police telephoned to the Virginia authorities and learned that the

ly critical, and the physicians think he

Marx Much Distressed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 5.—Herbert Marx arrived here, by steamer late last night. He is much depressed over the shooting. Says the men he shot were his friends and he had no idea they had any grievance against him. He would not have shot if he had known who they were. The men were masked and he mistook them for oystermen bent on robbery. He defor eystermen bent on robbery. He denies having made any improper remarks te er about Miss Taylor.

Marx was joined here this morning by a brother, Ernest Marx, and a brother-in-law, who came from New York, Later the two latter left by private con-veyance for Westmoreland county, and the former left for New York on the morning train.

wealthy and prominent family. It seems to be generally thought that Mark acted justifiably. He was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

Taylor's funeral will take place from the old family homestead to-morrow.

Virginia to My father he he nebedy to attack him and the suiside he would summen the nearest neighbor, Mr. D. H. Griffith, and in this neighbor, Mr. D. H. Griffith, and in this way he could soon get a physician.

Leaving the house Marx started down my bowers. The programme said that the path leading to the public road, and he was supported by "an efficient comthe pain leading to the public road, and before he had gone more than two hunbred yards he saw the form of another man. This man proved to be William P. Taylor, the organizer of the tar-andfeather party, whose fourteen-year-old cousin had told of the silezed insult.

All who were present. Of course, all the old favorite songs were sung and encores old favorite songs were sung and eneores were plentiful. Richmond theatre-goers are evidently very fond of comic opera and musical comedy when they are preduced as well as was "A Runaway Girl"

The third act of "A Day and a Night, the attraction being presented by the Bijou Musical Comedy Company at the Bijou this week, serves to introduce the popular comedian, Little Chip. in 2 singing and cancing specialty that scores one of the hits of the comedy play. After singing a couple of songs, one of them a new one. Chip does a dancing stunt. The music is mixed up in many styles, but there is no tune that the orchestra-plays that the fun-maker falls to keep good dance step to. The work of Tony Hart has created much favorable com-ment, in fact, there are no, two more popular members of the company than this clever duo of artists, whose future is particularly bright. "A Day and a Night" will be seen three times more to-night and matinee and night te-mor-

row.

Vaudeville will be the Bijou offering next week. Manager Wells has chosen attractive numbers that will keep the attendance up to what it has been all this

"Unele Jesh Spruceby," one of the best of the many rural plays now being presented in the different cities, will be sen at the Academy for two performances to-morrow. This production is said to be offerent from all others, as it contains much comedy as well as pation, and the realistic saw-mill scene is said to be the wost exciting and intense effect ever produced. The scenes of the play are laid in Vermont and New York, which gives am-ple opportunity for portraying the simple rustic characters in country as well as the many incidents that befall simple country folk who visit the metropolis.

THE NELSON SAFE.

Is Being Towed Into Port Townsend by a

(Br Associated Press.) PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 5.— The British ship Nelsen, reported as having been lost off the Columbia River, towed in here by the San Fran

GRAIN PRICES 219 SOAR UPWARD

Big Countrymen Entered Pit of Chicago Exchange and Stirred

Things Up.

all grains climbing above records. Business te-day en 'Change was larger and more spectacular than it has been for a long time, and has revealed the speculative enthusiasm that marked the days of Hutchinson and the other glants

Natural conditions are back of the upshoot in prices, but bull speculation has been the main incentive. The whole countryside seems to be waking up to the ruinous shortage in the corn crop and the feeding of wheat to stock, as a consequence, has brought big buying in that cereal. General advances have ec curred in all options of wheat, corn and oats during the past several weeks, but the arrival of thousands of farmers and stockmen to visit the Livestock Exhibi-

markets and sent prices booming.

To-day the floor of the Board was a specticular show. Hundreds of the big countrymen, in fur everceats and cow-hide boots, had the courtesies of the Exchange, and were all eagerly "getting into the game." When professional speculators saw the farmer grasping opporulators saw the larmer grashing oppor-tunities they immediately began to plunge. Added to this influence was a flood of general buying orders from the country from the outside. May wheat touched its record price for the crop shortly before noon, selling at \$5 5-\$. Eoth December and May corn breite records of years standing, December sell-ing at \$5 and May at 68 1-2.

records of years standing. December selling at 65 and May at 68 1-2.

It is rumered there is a corner in oats, but trade is so large on both sides of the market that the rumor is not substantisted. May eats broke another record to-day at 464.

Although the transactions on the Board continued on a very large scale through.

Although the transactions on the Board centinued on a very large scale throughout all the session, prices did not hold to their record marks at the close. It was rumored that the Moore Brothers had been buying large quantities of wheat for the past six weeks, George Phillips was reputed to have secured a large line of long corn, and James Fatten. Mayor of Evanston, was supposed to have control of eats. At the high prices enormous trol of eats. At the high prices enermous amounts of grain came out in all pits, supposedly from these operators. Frices rapidly sagged as a consequence, and though the markets were yet firm, the hig advances for the day were in many cases lost.

NEW RECORD PRICES.

Grain Markets Dominated by Outside Speculation.

(By Asseinted Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Under the impetus of a fresh whirl of outside buying orders that made both the wheat and corn rings a scene of great excitement, new record prices were established. Wheat sold at N% for May, while corn passed any point since 1892. For a time buying orders seemed unlimited, and the markets continued in a bull uproar until midday, when a lull came, owing to holders desiring to take profits, causing a reers desiring to take profits, causing a re-action. Wheat selling eventually de-stroyed the first advance, but corn with-stood all pressure and left off 1814 cents above the previous night.

The markets are still dominated by outside operations.

MR. EGGLESTON TO BE SECRETARY

thought Mr. Egglesten to be. Senator LeCato spoke for Mr. Allworth; Senator Keezel for Mr. Eggleston. Before the vote was announced Senator Opie changed from Ailworth to Eggles ton. There were other changes, and

on Mr. Kelley's motion the Charlotte gentleman was nominated unanimously. The vete, had it been announced, would have been: Eggesten

Senator Opic nominated State Treasurer A. W. Harman to succeed himself, pay-ing a very pretty tribute to that official. Delegate Fathersten nominated Colonel E. H. Barclay, of Lexington. He spoke

chiefly with reference to Colonel Bar-elay's war record, he having lost an arm in the Confederate service. Delegate C. T. Bland spoke for Colonel Barclay, and so did Delegate George W. Sattle. Delegate M. B. Early, Jr., second-ed Mr. Harman's nomination. ed Mr. Harman's nomination.

Before the roll call was complete Delegate Fathersten moved that Mr. Harman he nominated by acclamation. Mr. Harman received the votes of about three-fifths of the members who express-SOUTHALL'S VICTORY.

The only other office ever which there was a contest was that of Superintendent was a contest was that of Superintenders of Public Instruction. Frof. Bader, of Staunton, was placed in nomination by Delegate Churchman, of Augusta, and Dr. Southall, the incumbent, was named by Senater William Hodges Mann. Sen by Senater William Hodges Mann. Senator C. Harding Walker seconded the nomination of Prof. Baüer, and Delegate M. M. Green that of Dr. Southall. Dr. Southall won by a vote of 76 to 34. Before even the vote was announced the nomination was, on Mr. Churchman's motion, made by acciamation.

DUDLEY SCORES A POINT.

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There was an effort made by friends of Mr. E. E. Montague to go into the nomination of judge for the County Courts of Elizabeth City and Warwick. The sunsorters of Judge S J. Dudley opposed this and wen out. That is to say, the nomination was not made. Chairman Boaz ruled that 'only the business for which the body was convened to consider sould be taken up. There were members who did not agree with him. In the midst of the confusion the body adjourned after having nominated Judge Thomas J. Barham for the Corporation Court of Newport News. He is the incumbent and had no opposition. had no opposition.

EXPECT EARLY ADJOURNMENT.

Will Probably Get Through in Three Weeks. Legislative flassip.

It is the opinion of leaders in the Leg-iciature that that body will get away from Richmond within the next two

frem Richmond within the next two weeks.

The more important matters are being rapidly disposed of, and it is the evident desire of a large majority to make the session short. The State efficers nominated last night will probably be elected te-day. It is not thought the Republicans will make any nominations for these places.

THE HE-FLIRT

An Exceedingly Entertaining Fable

.....By.....

GEORGE ADE.

IT WILL BE IN SUNDAY'S TIMES.

year just ended. It will, of course, be amended, but no very oig fight over its final adoption is anticipated.

Speaker Ryan expects to announce his committees shortly, and then the real work on the appropriation bill will begin. A resolution is now on the table in the Senate defining what legislation may be gone into at the short session. It was presented by Mr. Wickham, and was not called up yesterday on account of his

As soon as the appropriation bills are passed and the vote is counted and the onicers elected it is thought that the matter of an early adjournment win be

taken up and considered.

There was a pretty fight in the joint Dumocratic caucus last night after the nomination of State officers was completed between the Montague and Dudlew forces for judge of the county courts.

Elizabeth City and Warwick counties. of Elizabeth City and Warwick counties. Hom 5. Gordon Cumming, of hampton, the Montague leader, moved to get into a nomination for that position. Objection was made by Hon. L. P. Stearnes, of Newport News, and Chairman Boaz ruled that it would require unanimous consent. as the body was called for the specific purpose of naming state officers. A mo-tion was made to adjourn, and was voted down on roll-call by a large majority,

the Mentague people voting "no."

Mr. Cumming then moved that when
the caucus adjourn it adjourn to meet
to-night at 3 c'clock for the purpose of

settling the contest.

The chair ruled this motion out of order, and the body finally adjourned without day.

The vote by which the caucus refused

Arst to adjeurn was taken by many as a fair test of strength between Mr. Mona fair test of strength act and the friends of the former gentleman say they will experience no difficulty in getting anthat they will win out.

It is cald that Judge Dudley's friends

It is eald that Judge Dudley's friends do not desire an election at this short session, and that if they can stave the matter off their man can strengthen his lines for the strugsle when it finally comes. Meanwhile he will hold the office. Senator D. Gardiner Tyler and Hon. L. P. Stearnes have charge of the Dudley forces. The contest is one of great interest is the people of the Poninsula. terest to the people of the Peninsula. Captain W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover,

Captain W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover, suggests a plan for putting the new Constitution into effect when it shall have been completed, which scems to be a popular one. It is that the Legislature shall stay here but a short while new; that in case the Constitution is proclaimed it shall return for about thirty days next spring and appoint a commission to revise and codify the statutes in conformity with the new organic law, and after the commission has been set fairly to work to take a second recess and then come back next fall or winter and receive the report of the commission and revise it and de whatever else may be found necessary. Neither Captain Cardwell nor his colleagues take very kindly to the proposition that the convention appoint the commission, but they want it to be the creature of the Legislature. to be the creature of the Legislature. They believe the convention will have finished its work when it completes the new organic law.

The public will no doubt remember the fight last session between Norfolk and Portsmouth over the quarantine bill introduced by Hon. Charles T. Bland, of

Portsmouth.

The facts are that there is a quarantine district of the Elizabeth River, composed of the cities of Portsmouth, Norfork and Norfolk county. There is also a quarantine medical officer for that discrept the county of the cities o trict. who has heretofore been appointed by the Governor. Mr. Bland says that the Governor

should not be called upon to appoint an officer who receives no compensation from the State, but whose whole support from the State, but whose whole support of salary and expense falls upon the communities mentioned. He says it is a local effice of great importance, and should be cantrolled absolutely by local authority, such authority as the Quarantine Commission being in a position to know the conditions surrounding the and all the conditions surrounding the ap-nument, the standing of the physi-cian, his knowledge of juarantine affairs e'an, his knowledge of judrandine anairs and the science of medicine generally. Under the Bland bill the office is to alternate every four years between the cities of Portsmouth and Norfolk, from March 19, 1902. Norfolk holds the posi-

Some Senators are not altogether satis-Some Senators are not altogether satisfied with the anticipated composition of the Senate standing committees. It is stated on no less authority than that of members of the Senate and the Constitutional Convention that a prominent teader of the former body asserted often before the Legislature assembled, and since, for that matter, that at all hazards the Senate must be organized on lines since, for that matter, that at all nazards the Senate must be organized on lines hostile to the new State administration. It is further alleged that in conformity with this idea the new Steering Committee, which practically names the Senate standing committees, is of an everwhelm-ing anti-administration complexion. One of the prominent leaders on the Senate side of the Legislatur; said last night that it was probable that the joint

session of the two bodies would be had in 2 few days to count and certify the tote east in the recent election for Go erner and Lieutenant-Governor. The law fixes no day for this formality, but law fixes no day for this formatty, but it must be gone through with before the adjournment for the holidays. The matter is largely formal. The Senate comes over and sits in joint session with the Heuse, and a joint committee is named by the bodies to count and report the

Judge William Hodges Mann, chairman of the Democratic Senate caucus, yes-terday announced the following members of the Steering Committee of that body: Messrs. McIlwaine (chairman), Harvey, Massie, Shnekelford and Sale. The first three are old members, and Mr. Harvey was on the former Steering Committee

was an the fermer Steering Committee. The members held a conference yesterday and will get down to business to-day, and will get down to business to-day. Marly in the coming week the result of their labors will be announced.

Speaker Kyan has nearly completed the list of House standing committees and he said yesterday that he might announce them to-day. It is thought that the new Speaker will advance the ranking members in most cases.

strong fight for the place. Mr. Winston was defeated in the election last spring for the Constitutional Convention by Coionel Summers on account of factional troubles. He and Judge Strart are both strong and popular men.

Two gentlemen who are members of the House and whose names are almost identical, occupy seats together in that body. They are Hon. J. J. Owen, or Prince Edward, and Hon. E. W. Owens, of Newley States of Newley Sta Prince Edward, and Hon. E. W. Owens, of Norfolk county. The former is an old member and a farmer. The latter is a new one and a druggist. He is also a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a major in one of the companies of the Seventy-first Regiment.

Senator S. L. Lupton, of Fredericks-burg, yesterday treated his colleagues and friends to apples from his splendid orchard, and they were very much en-joyed. They were of the "Johnson's fine winter" variety, and were of fine quality. Senator Lupton is one of the most suc cessful fruit growers in his section of

Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomawho was the only absent member of the House at roll-call on the day of organization, was in his seat yesterday and qualified as a member of the House. Mr. Matthews says his daughter, by whose illness he was detained at his home, is now out of danger, and he anticipates her speedy recovery. The popular Accomac leader was warmly greeted by his friends. Hon. U. C. Folkes, of this city, yester-

day presented in the House a bill pro-viding for the appropriation of \$25,000 to be used in preperly exhibiting Virginia's agricultural and mining products at the St. Lau's Exposition in 1903. The bill also provides for the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners, who are to have charge of the exhibit.

It should be stated that the bill intreduced in the House on Wednesday fo incorporate the Jamestown Exposition Company was presented by all the Penin-Company was presented by all the Pennsular delegation instead of by Mr. Owens, of Norfolk, alone, as was stated in the rush and herry of the session. The patrons were Messrs, S. Gordon Cumming, of Hamoton; John Whitehead and C. A. Woodward, of Norfolk city: L. P. Stearnes, of Newport News; Charles T. Bland, of Fortsmouth, and E. W. Owens, of Norfolk county.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES,

Those on Figure and Corporations Have Interesting Sessions.

The Finance Committee heard discussions yesterday afternoon on the proposition to exempt new manufacturing plants from local taxation. Messrs. O. D. Bachellor and Samuel R. Buxton, Newport News, made earnest arguments in favor of the resolution, and Mr. Ar-chie Anderson, Jr., of Richmond, presented a protest signed by every manu-facturer in Richmond against the pas-

sage of the resolution. Mr. Anderson briefly stated the reasons why such a law would work a hardship on existing industries without resulting in any permanent benefit to rival con-

cerns.
The committee wished to hear more argument, and Thursday, December 12th, at 4 o'clock, was fixed to give further hearing to all parties interested. Mr.

The Committee on Corporations had an informal conference over the railway commission resolution yesterday after-noon, but did not reach a vote.

Chairman Braxton is elated at the pros-pect of getting this bill favorably report-ed by the committee and stated last night that he now had no doubt of it.

New Puling Mystic Circle.

A new Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic A new Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle was installed last night at the offices of Dr. Frank M. Reade, the medical examiner of the order, No. 307 East Grace Street. The special Supreme Deputy, Mr. J. E. Wyatt, of Philadelphia, has been in this city during the past few weeks organizing this branch of the order, and has met with considerable success from business men who appreciate cess from business men who appreciate the insurance benefits of the organization. The business of this first meeting was to introduce the ritual and elect principal officers. From the new memprincipal omeers. From the new members present the following were elected: Worthy Ruler, R. George Shackell; Pastworthy Ruler, T. B. Hicks; Recorder, F. W. Meltz; Collector, A. B. Brady; Treasurer, J. B. Woodward. The temporary offices of the Fellowship Ruling, which is the name selected for the lodge, will be No. 307 East Grace Street until a sulta-

THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

Treasurer Worth Charged With Gross Carelessness.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ble lodge-room can be obtained.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.-The North Carolina Board of Agriculture decided to-day to expend \$29,000 in the erection of two new buildings at the College of Asriculture and Mechanic Arts here, to take the place of the Watauga Building, destroyed by fire last week. One of the buildings will be exclusively for dormitories, and the other will contain a large assembly hall, a dining-room and kitch-en. The dormitory capacity of the coi-

lege will be increased to 350 rooms. The United States Fidelity and Guar-antee Company, of Baltimore, filed their answer to-day in the suit brought against them by W. H. Worth, ex-State treasurer, for the recovery of \$15,201, the amount stolen from the treasury by Mafor W. H. Martin while in his service as institutional clerk.
In the answer Treasurer Worth is

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The case will be tried at the January